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1. TWO LEADING ISRAELI NEWSPAPERS CARRY EDITORIALS
JANUARY 11 CONDEMNING RECENT BOMBING OF SOVIET
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. SEMI-OFFICIAL DAVAR UNDER
HEADLINE "TERROR IS NOT SACRED" EDITORIALIZES:
"THE MOST UNFOUNDED ASSUMPTION IS THAT THE
AUTHORS OF THE DEED BELONG TO A MARGINAL GROUP OF
JEWISH EXTREMISTS WHO THINK THAT THE USE OF
VIOLENCE IS THE PROPER WAY TO REACT TO THE
OPPRESSION CAMPAIGN AGAINST SOVIET JEWS. THOUGH
ISRAEL'S SOVEREIGNTY APPLIES ONLY TO THE ACTIONS
OF ISRAELI CITIZENS WITHIN THE COUNTRY'S BORDERS,
AND WE CANNOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR EVERY
ACT PERFORMED BY UNRULY JEWS FAR FROM ISRAELI
TERRITORY, WE ARE UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO GIVE
EXPRESSION TO OUR DISGUST AT THIS FORM OF STRUGGLE.
TERRORIST ACTS, EVEN IF PERFORMED FOR THE
SAKE OF AN IDEAL, ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO US. WE DO
NOT BELONG TO THOSE WHO THINK THAT THE END
JUSTIFIES EVERY MEANS. WE MAKE IT CLEAR IN
EVERY POSSIBLE WAY THAT WE HAVE NOTHING IN

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COMMON WITH A JEWISH PATRIOTISM THAT PRODUCES
SUCH UNBRIDLED OUTGROWTHS."

2. DAVAR CONTINUES: "THE ONLY 'POSITIVE' RESULT
WHICH THE AUTHORS OF THE ATTEMPTS AGAINST
SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN THE US CAN CREDIT THEMSELVES
WITH IS THE DUBIOUS PUBLICITY WHICH THEY
GAIN BY SUCH ACTIONS. THE HARM THEY DO TO THE
CAUSE THEY PRETEND TO SERVE BY TERRORIST ACTS
IS CLEAR. THURSDAY NIGHT'S SABOTAGE HAS NOT
ONLY AND PRIMARILY DAMAGED THE SOVIET EMBASSY
-- AND IT CERTAINLY HAS NOT INTIMIDATED THE
MOSCOW RULERS -- BUT, BY BRINGING TERRORISM,
WHICH THE AMERICAN PUBLIC DETESTS, INTO THE
LIMELIGHT, IT HAS SERIOUSLY SABOTAGED THE
STRUGGLE OF THE USSR JEWS AND PREJUDICED ITS
SUPPORT BY FREE WORLD PUBLIC OPINION."

3. AL HAMISHMARI (LEFT-CENTER MAPAM) EDITORIAL
ADDS THAT "SUCH METHODS WILL NOT HELP THE
JEWS OF THE USSR. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY
WILL SABOTAGE THEIR JUST STRUGGLE, ESTRANGE
WIDE CIRCLES FROM US, AND GIVE THOSE WHO
STAGE TRIALS AN EXCUSE FOR PASSING FROM THE
DEFENSIVE TO THE OFFENSIVE. A HANDFUL OF
IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE MUST BE CHECKED SO THAT THE
GREAT CAMPAIGN SHALL NOT BE PUT IN A FALSE
LIGHT AND NOT DIVERTED FROM ITS PURE JUST
ROAD OF ENLISTING PUBLIC OPINION AND ISOLATING
THOSE WHO REPRESS THE STRIVING RENAISSANCE OF
THE JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION."
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